

Dear Family Child Care Provider,

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It's that time of year again... The City of Milpitas fiscal year begins in July and that means we have more grant funds available! Enclosed please find the new and improved grant Policies and Procedures as well as the new grant Application. A few changes have been made to the program, so please take the time to read through the new policies.

The major modifications include:

- ✓ The 51% resident requirement has been deleted.
- ✓ You must now attach a copy of your family child care license to the application.
- ✓ Beginning this fiscal year, grant recipients may receive funding for a maximum of three consecutive years. So if you receive a grant for 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 you will need to take a year off and not receive funding for 2007/2008. This policy becomes effective this year – it is not retroactive.
- ✓ Providers who care for special needs and/or developmentally delayed children now receive first priority for funding. These providers are also exempt from the consecutive three-year maximum stipulation.

Those are the biggest changes to the program. Other than that, the great news is that for this fiscal year the fund balance has been increased from \$4000 to \$6000! Thanks to a recommendation by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission and approval by the City Council, we will be able to fund a maximum of twelve grants at the \$500 level this year!

As always, should you have any questions about this program, I am happy to assist you.

In service of children,

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